



Request for Committee Action From the Office of City Clerk

Date: May 10, 2012
To: Honorable Cam Gordon, Chair
Elections Committee
Subject: Update on Technical Adjustments/Corrections to Ward and Precinct Maps
Recommendation: No action necessary – Receive and file report

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Background Information: On March 27, 2012, the Minneapolis Charter Commission adopted Resolution No. 2012R-001, which established new wards, and the boundaries thereof, within the City of Minneapolis following the 2010 Census. In related action, on March 30, 2012, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2012R-146 which designated election precincts within the several City wards. The adopted resolutions and maps detailing new wards, park districts, school districts, and election precincts were filed with Hennepin County and the Secretary of State.

Subsequent to those official actions, and in coordination with partners from the Hennepin County Election and the Secretary of State's Office, the City Clerk's Elections Division has made a small number of technical corrections to the precincts (primarily in numbering) in order to comply with directives from the State.

Precinct Name Changes That Do Not Affect Any Voters

Ward-Precinct	Reason	Population	Election Day Treatment
5-6C and 7-1C Both precincts now have the letter "C" added to recognize the shared boundary, which deviates from the state/legislative line.	The ward/precinct follows the existing neighborhood line, which includes a small portion of the precinct boundary along an unrecognizable (non-visible) feature.	Yes - in both precincts; voters will be directed to the appropriate precinct based on ward.	Precinct polling place for both 5-6C and 7-1C
7-2D and 7-4D Both precincts now have the letter "D" to recognize the shared boundary.	The precinct boundaries generally follow the neighborhood lines, which includes a small portion along an unrecognizable (non-visible) feature.	Yes - in both precincts; voters will be directed to the appropriate precinct based on ward.	Precinct polling place for both 7-2D and 7-4D
10-3A & 10-3B No change in the	A zero-resident census tract is created by combination	10-3A – yes	Voters in 10-3A will be served at the precinct

boundaries as approved.	of state/legislative boundary and ward lines cutting half of Lake Calhoun.	10-3B - no	polling place Voters (if any) in 10-3B will be served as an mail-only precinct
10-5A & 10-5B No change in the boundaries as approved.	A zero-resident census tract is created by combination of state/legislative and ward lines in parkland south of Lake Calhoun.	10-5A – yes 10-5B - no	Voters in 10-5A will be served at the precinct polling place 10-5B will be a mail-only precinct

Precinct Boundary Change To Avoid Isolating Small Group of Voters

A short half-block strip located in Ward 4 was found during the conversion of mapping systems used by the City and Hennepin County, which—if left uncorrected—would have resulted in a very small (and unintended) precinct serving approximately 13 residences. Therefore, as a technical correction, staff has moved the precinct boundary for Ward 4-Precinct 4 to include the odd-side of a one-block length along James Ave N (including properties numbered 4101 through 4157). These residences will move from Ward 4-Precinct 7 into Ward 4-Precinct 4. The new boundary between 4-4 and 4-7 will be drawn using the alley west of James Ave N, between 41st Ave N and 42nd Ave N, rather than James Ave N itself.

Attachments: Attachment A: Ward 4
Attachment B: Ward 5
Attachment C: Ward 7